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Applicant : Hiroaki Yamamoto

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated November 28, 2003, be extended for two months to and including April 28, 2004.

Enclosed is a check for \$420 for the required fee. Apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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